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SUBJ: GAO PROPOSES REVIEW US FORCES DRAWDOWN POLICY

1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM REGIONAL MANAGER, GAO, DATED MAY 23, OPERATIVE PORTION OF WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

" THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO) IS INITIATING A REVIEW OF THE NEED FOR MORE PRECISE POLICY GUIDANCE FOR PROGRAM MANGERS IN THAILAND. WE ARE INTERESTED IN INFORMATION GATHERING AND DATA BUILDING AIMED AT AN OBJECTIVE EVALUATION OF U.S. PLANS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS FROM THAILAND. WE BELIEVE GAO CAN PLAY A MEANINGFUL ROLE DURING THE PLANNED PHASEDOWN BY SURFACING PROBLEMS AND IDENTIFYING AREAS WHERE U.S. INTERESTS CAN BE BETTER PROTECTED.

" THE REVIEW WILL BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MAY 27,1975 AND WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO THE VARIOUS U.S. MILITARY BASES IN THAILAND."

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES PROPOSED GAO REVIEW CLEARLY EXCEEDS GAO'S MANDATE, SINCE IT DEALS WITH POLICY AND PLANS STILL BEING FORMULATED BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH. WE ALSO BELIEVE PROPER CHANNEL FOR SUBMITTING GAO REVIEW PROPOSALS IS FROM GAO TO STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON.
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3. EMBASSY IS ASKING GAO BANGKOK TO DEFER PROPOSED
REVIEW. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE.
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